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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yuji MATSUYAMA, et al.

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- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/272,782, filed March 19, 1999, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- □ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number, filed, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

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| JAPAN | 10-092494 | March 20, 1998 |
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Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- □ are submitted herewith
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- were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/272,782, filed March 19, 1999.
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number.

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